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CONFERENCE ON AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a global conference on AIDS took place recently in Toronto;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new approaches were emphasized to prevent HIV in the world particularly in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the nutritional support for AIDS patients is vital;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, The 16th International Conference on AIDS held at Toronto, Canada from 13th to 18th August, 2006 was organised by International AIDS Society. UNAIDS, Global Network of People living with HIV/AIDS, International Community of Women living with HIV/AIDS, International Council of AIDS Service Organisations and the Canadian AIDS Society were co-organisers. The theme of the conference was "Time to Deliver"

(c) & (d) New approaches to prevent HIV infection discussed at the above conference were use of microbicides

(gel) to be used by women, circumcision in males and use of ARV drugs as pre-exposure prophylaxis to prevent HIV infection

(e) to (g) Nutritional status can affect response to Antiretroviral Therapy. NACO in consultation with World Food Program has developed a programme for micronutrient supplementation for patients on Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) and is included in the treatment protocol.